

# The Herald of Grace

## A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

May 29, 2025

Dear Grace,

As we enter the lazy, hazy days of summer, there is a sense of freedom which was something I always appreciated about the season. This started in my childhood. I remember the last day of the school year and everyone singing, "School's out for the summer!" (which was the only line I knew at the time from Alice Cooper's hit.) As a kid, the freedom of a wide-open summer was before me.

As an adult and pastor, the everyday work of the Lord continues now through all seasons, but summer still has a different pace to life, including a vacation to visit family or a few national holidays grilling out with family and friends. There's the beach or the pool to stay cool or soak in some sun. I still operate in the freedoms of summer by sitting outside, grilling a little bit, baseball, and a little time for me and my family.

At the Church, I have a trademark saying: "After Easter, we will get to this or that." And we try our best, but the freedoms of summer still threaten that plan where all of a sudden, I'm caught saying, "After Christmas...."

But the work of the Lord DOES continue in every day of every season and so I thank God this summer for the current opportunities. I hope you can engage in some of these:

- Monday Night Small Group Bible Study
- Wednesday Book Club and Lunch at Jan Tanner's House (Currently reading *Hearing God by Dallas Willard*.)
- New Member Class on Thursday Evenings
- Youth Confirmation Class on Wednesday Evenings
- LWML Rally on May 31
- Pastor's 10th Anniversary Service on June 29.
- Mission opportunities to support USA Children's and Women's Hospital and Blair's Bears.
- TRIVIA NIGHT on Friday, July 11!
- The Choirs continue through the summer.
- Children's Sunday School never stops and even a Family Fun Day at 5 Rivers is in the works.

Many of our Lay Leaders and volunteers at Grace Lutheran are preparing to make this summer memorable for you and the whole family. In all that we do, our prayer is that the love of Jesus emerges and reminds us how free we are in Christ. God's peace to you this summer. See you at Grace!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Miller

## WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Grace Lutheran Church wants to invite everyone to begin a new habit together that hopefully strengthens our faith while giving us guidance in our week to week living. The church confesses to Christ, *"You have the words of eternal life"* (John 6:68). The church is encouraged to *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ..."* (Col. 3:16). Psalm 1 teaches us to meditate on God's Word day and night. It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God's Word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it. Afterall, God works through His Word and what better way to better understand our relationship with our Creator and Redeemer than memorizing scripture every week. Some wonderful prayers of our faith are also encouraged for you to memorize monthly. May the Word of our Lord be a blessing to you and others!

This week's memory verse: Psalm 56:3  
***When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.***

This Month's Memory Prayer: A Prayer for Our Nation in Lutheran Book of Prayer

***Eternal Father, Ruler of all nations, I thank You for all spiritual and temporal blessings enjoyed in our land. In Your mercy, You have sustained this nation in times of trouble and preserved its liberties. Let me not forget that true freedom is freedom to serve. Grant wisdom to our leaders. Strengthen all those who strive to do Your will... Above all, dear God, speed the course of Your Gospel among us through Jesus Christ. Amen.***

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 1	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
<i>Ascension of Our Lord</i>	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
	Bible Study	<i>After Service</i>
Monday	Bible Study Group @ Grace	5:30 pm
Wednesday	LWML	10:00 am
	Lunch Book Club @ Jan's Home	10:00 am
	Handbell Choir	5:30 pm
	Choir	6:15 pm
	Youth Confirmation Class	6:00 pm
Thursday	New Member Class	6:00 pm
Sunday, June 8	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
<i>Pentecost</i>	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
	Bible Study	<i>After Service</i>
	Camp Dixie Chicken Dinner	11 am – 2 pm



May 29 – John Gray  
May 30 – Blair Mueller  
June 1 – Chris Rowe, Sr.  
June 2 – Beverly Waite  
June 3 – Deborah Andreasen  
June 5 – Rick Harvey



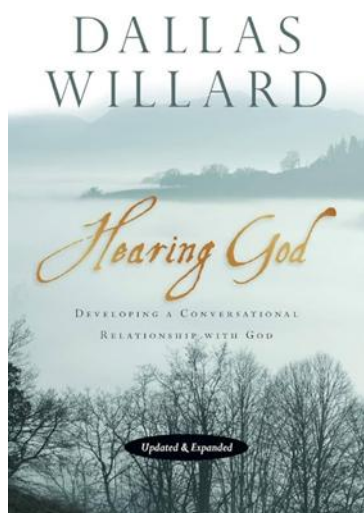
June 2 - Wayne and Rachel Dean  
June 3 - William and Tracy Shreve

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**Altar Flowers are still available for the following Sundays:  
June 22, July 6, 13, 20, 27**

**\*\*\* Please return any green sleeve vases that you might have taken home  
with your altar flowers! Thank you! \*\*\***

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**You are invited....**

**A Lunch and Book Club on Wednesdays  
May 14-July 9 10 am-12 pm  
@ Jan Tanner's House**

Call Jan for book order info and rsvp 251-232-9011

**-Hearing God-  
Book by Dallas Willard**  
*"Developing a Conversational Relationship with God."*



**All New Members and those desiring or interested in membership are invited to our new member class on Thursday Evenings.**

**May 15- July 17  
6:00-8:00 pm**

Contact Pastor Miller for questions or inquiry  
251-622-7445 or  
[pastor@gracelutheranmobile.com](mailto:pastor@gracelutheranmobile.com)

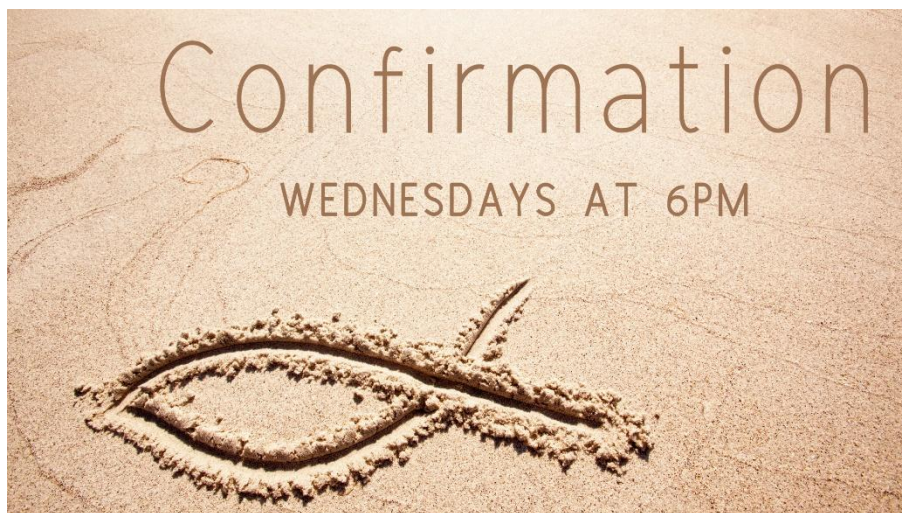
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## **Youth Confirmation Class**

**All Youth invited that are  
Ages 12-16 this summer**

**Wednesday Evenings  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
June 4-August 6**

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# Azalea Zone Spring Rally!!



Lutheran Women in mission (LWML) is holding its Spring Christian Growth Rally,  
Saturday, May 31 at Our Savior Lutheran  
5101 Government Blv., Mobile, Alabama 36693  
Registration at 8:30am. Meeting at 9:00am  
Grace Lutheran LWML is co-hosting this rally of The Azalea Zone along with our  
Savior. All the women of Grace Lutheran are invited to attend.  
GLC is providing the food. Please see Sherea Weiss for details

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"Blair's Bear's" is a project, inspired by  
one year old Blair Mueller,  
the daughter of Lauren and Luke Mueller who are  
members here at Grace Lutheran.  
Blair was diagnosed with leukemia in January. The  
purpose of Blairs Bears is to bring comfort and hugs  
to many hospitalized children through the gift of a  
small to medium size stuffed animal. Each animal  
comes with a handwritten message and colorful tag  
made by another school-aged child.  
Donations of a new, small to medium size stuffed  
animal are being collected all through June here at  
Grace and can be placed in the narthex.  
For more information please see  
Marilyn Griffin, Missions Coordinator

Thank you BEARY much!!



## **10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION INVITATIONS**

Formal invitations, including a stamped R.S.V.P. card, have been mailed to those who signed up to attend.

***\*\*\*The favor of a reply is requested by June 1st.\*\*\****

Should guests so desire, a donation payable to Grace Lutheran designated "10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" may be included with the response card and will be gratefully accepted.

*The 10th anniversary committee is opening a standby list for Pastor's 10th anniversary reception. This list is for those who did not sign up during the open sign-up period. The list will be first come first served. This list DOES NOT guarantee entry into the reception. You will be notified directly prior to Sunday June 29, 2025, if space becomes available. **Due to limited space and the requirements of the caterer we cannot allow any walk-ups on the day of the reception.** To add your name to the standby list please send an e-mail to [marthahwebb@aol.com](mailto:marthahwebb@aol.com) no later than June 11, 2025.*

## MOMENTS OF GRACE

2025 marks the 10-year anniversary of Pastor Miller's Ordination as well as his Installation here at Grace Lutheran Church. On June 29th, we will be adding a little extra pomp & circumstance to our traditional Sunday service, but this day is about so much more than acknowledging the occupational milestones of one person; it's about coming together to celebrate the amazing *relationship* that has formed & evolved over the past 10 years. As pastoral vacancies continue to plague many LCMS churches around the country, it's time to share our heartfelt thanks for having been so blessed, to celebrate the congregational family that we have become, and to stand shoulder-to-shoulder looking forward to the next 10 years with joyful anticipation.

In honor of this special occasion, a slideshow is being produced for the anniversary banquet being held at Crown Hall and the Grace Anniversary Committee is hoping you will share your favorite photos from the past 10 years. It might be a picture from your child's baptism or the whole family in front of our beautiful altar. Maybe it's a selfie at a Bay Bears game or by the water at Camp Dixie. We would certainly love to see your favorite photos of Pastor Miller (and we definitely won't turn down any embarrassing shots from his childhood), but any photographs that celebrate *you* and your relationship with Grace would be gratefully appreciated.

You may add photos directly into our Google Photo Album via our QR code or send an email to [GraceAnniversary10@gmail.com](mailto:GraceAnniversary10@gmail.com) and the auto-attendant will send you a copy of the link.

You may send photos to the email listed above, but Gmail is quite finicky about the size of attachments so please do not use this method if you plan to share more than two photos.







**Try to book by February 24 for best location and guaranteed prices!**  
**Call Galyna Henry. Deposits could be as low as \$50 pp.**  
**More info on next page.**





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LUTHERAN CHURCH



## 6-DAY BAHAMAS CRUISE

*Carnival Spirit*

Monday, January 11 – Sunday, January 17, 2027

Starting at **\$734.00** per person

### ITINERARY:

Monday, January 11: Depart Mobile, AL 3:30 PM  
Tuesday, January 12: Fun Day at Sea  
Wednesday, January 13: Celebration Key, The Bahama  
Thursday, January 14: Nassau, The Bahamas  
Friday, January 15: Fun Day at Sea  
Saturday, January 16: Fun Day at Sea  
Sunday, January 17: Arrive Mobile, AL 8:00 AM

### INCLUSIONS:

- ◆ 6-day cruise aboard **Carnival Spirit**
- ◆ Meals and entertainment on board the ship
- ◆ Port charges, government taxes, and fees

### NOT INCLUDED:

- ◆ Gratuities to shipboard staff
- ◆ Optional shore excursions
- ◆ Travel Protection

### STATEROOMS:

*Prices are per person  
based on double  
occupancy.*

Cat. 4D - Interior  
\$734.00

Cat. 4E - Interior  
\$744.00

Cat. 8D - Balcony  
\$944.00

Cat. 8E - Balcony  
\$954.00

Cat. 8K -  
Extended Balcony  
\$974.00



Prices are per person, based on double occupancy. Stateroom categories and prices are subject to availability and are on a first come, first serve basis. Other categories may be available by request. Pricing and stateroom availability for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> guests are available upon request. Prices are subject to change due to fuel charges and other vendor charges. **A valid passport is required with at least 6 months validity beyond return date.**

**Deposit of \$250.00 per person is due with the completed registration form by February 24, 2025. Final payment is due September 29, 2026.**



Galyna Henry

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# Camp Dixie 2025

## Chicken Dinner Schedule

*All Camp Dixie Chicken Dinners are served from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm*



### Dates for 2025!

January 12, 2025  
February 9, 2025  
March 9, 2025  
April 27, 2025  
June 8, 2025  
September 14, 2025  
October 12, 2025  
November 9, 2025

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For More Information, Please  
Call (251) 987-1201 Or Visit Our Website  
[www.campdixieministries.org](http://www.campdixieministries.org)  
Located At: 29711 Josephine Dr. Elberta, AL 36530**

**All Proceeds Benefit Camp Dixie Lutheran Outdoor Ministry.**

*Mission Statement: Camp Dixie is a place where campers, counselors, and staff members are able to grow spiritually, physically, emotionally and intellectually, in a positive way by experiencing, reflecting and evaluating in an outdoor-based Christ-centered program.*

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 am**  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 am**  
**ADULT BIBLE STUDY *After Service***

Rev. Wayne J. Miller, Pastor  
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Debbie Milling, Volunteer Office Manager  
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Chris Rowe, Choir Director  
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If you would like to listen to the  
Sunday Worship Service you can find them here:

**Grace Lutheran's Facebook page**  
**or**  
**[podpoint.com/grace-lutheran-mobile](http://podpoint.com/grace-lutheran-mobile)**

Weekly newsletter items must be submitted by Wednesday of each week.